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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Robert Patrick HOF, *et al.*

Serial No.: 09/887,933

Filing Date: 22 June 2001

For: PROCESS FOR RACEMISING AN
ENANTIOMER-ENRICHED SCHIFF
BASE OF AN AMINO ACID AMIDE

Examiner: Shailendra Kumar

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action made "final" and mailed 9 July 2002, time for response to which was set to expire 9 October 2002. A petition for an extension of time of one (1) month until 9 November 2002 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. This Reply is thus believed to be timely.

Pending claims 12-22 were rejected. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.